

Remarks

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed December 22, 2006. Claims 1-54 are pending, with claims 31-35 withdrawn by this response. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

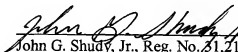
Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires restriction of the application to one of three species: Figure 1, Figure 6, and Figure 7. Applicants hereby elect the species of Figure 6. Claims 1-30 and 36-54 read on Figure 6.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested. It is submitted that, in light of the above remarks, all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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